

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 15 as follows:

15. (twice amended) [The apparatus of Claim 1] An apparatus for dispensing, applying, and sealing individual sections of thermoplastic tape having one or more fastener profiles thereto, said tape being sealed across a portion of a web of thermoplastic material, said apparatus comprising: means for dispensing said tape and fastener profile; a tape applicator apparatus; means for delivering tensioned tape and fastener profile from said tape dispensing means, said means for delivering comprising a tape registration assembly for adjusting the position of said tape and fastener profile and a tape drive assembly for advancing said tape and fastener profile; a tape cutter assembly for cutting said tape and fastener profile into individual sections of a preselected length; vacuum belt means for advancing said section of tape and fastener profile into a position across said web of thermoplastic material; a tape sealing mechanism for applying pressure and heat to said tape section on said web for a specified dwell time; and means for sequentially advancing said web; wherein said tape comprises a folded loop having a pair of interlocked fastener profilers attached thereto on the inside surface thereof.

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